

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1 to 16 for the above-referenced patent application. The new claims, 17-32, inter alia, conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add any new matter to the application.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

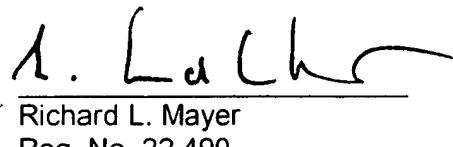
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